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Delmarva Agriculture Data
Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%

For the week ending, September 13, 2008, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.9% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (11.4 million) decreased 0.9% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 12.2 million, a decrease of 4.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.3 million for the week ending September 06, 2008 compared 10.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

| WEEK ENDING | EGGS SET 1/ | | CHICKS HATCHED 1/ | | CHICKS PLACED 2/ | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | PREVIOUS YR | CURRENT YR | PREVIOUS YR | CURRENT YR | PREVIOUS YR | CURRENT YR |
| ----- THOUSANDS ----- | | | | | | |
| 07/19/2008 | 14,125 | 13,661 | 11,316 | 11,100 | 11,411 | 11,187 |
| 07/26/2008 | 14,037 | 13,842 | 11,697 | 10,957 | 11,697 | 10,956 |
| 08/02/2008 | 14,004 | 13,821 | 11,767 | 11,229 | 11,769 | 11,230 |
| 08/09/2008 | 14,032 | 13,718 | 11,746 | 11,284 | 11,746 | 11,285 |
| 08/16/2008 | 14,127 | 13,769 | 11,702 | 11,595 | 10,963 | 11,595 |
| 08/23/2008 | 13,792 | 13,553 | 11,599 | 11,592 | 11,599 | 11,593 |
| 08/30/2008 | 13,544 | 13,459 | 11,695 | 11,477 | 11,695 | 11,477 |
| 09/06/2008 | 13,615 | 12,327 | 11,732 | 11,549 | 11,732 | 11,548 |
| 09/13/2008 | 12,817 | 12,199 | 11,483 | 11,384 | 11,483 | 11,383 |

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

| | WEEK ENDING | PREV. | PREV. | PREV. |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 09/20/2008 | WEEK | MONTH | YEAR |
| New York Weighted Avg | 71.48 | 71.60 | 71.65 | 76.95 |
| 12-City Composite 2/ | 78.68 | 78.19 | 79.32 | 80.37 |

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

| Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
| | Aug 9 2008 | Aug 16 2008 | Aug 23 2008 | Aug 30 2008 | Sep 6 2008 | Sep 13 2008 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 29,855 | 29,922 | *29,752 | 29,951 | *29,746 | 29,036 |
| AR | 25,107 | 24,608 | 24,742 | 24,697 | *24,479 | 23,930 |
| DE | 3,644 | 3,631 | 3,544 | 3,494 | 3,479 | 3,310 |
| FL | 1,326 | 1,346 | 1,306 | 1,326 | 1,326 | 1,151 |
| GA | 33,473 | 32,822 | 32,794 | 32,860 | 32,032 | 30,895 |
| KY | 7,683 | 7,744 | *7,711 | *7,378 | *7,452 | 7,651 |
| LA | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,501 | 3,501 | 3,501 | 3,501 |
| MD | 8,811 | 8,871 | 8,738 | 8,696 | 7,578 | 7,894 |
| MS | 18,598 | 18,160 | 18,428 | 17,853 | 17,666 | 17,770 |
| NC | *19,050 | *18,967 | *18,968 | 19,011 | 18,546 | 17,695 |
| OK | 6,477 | 7,168 | *6,940 | 7,122 | 6,920 | 7,018 |
| PA | 4,028 | 4,002 | 3,850 | *4,396 | 4,037 | 4,041 |
| SC | 5,309 | 5,645 | 5,735 | 5,844 | 5,208 | 5,709 |
| TX | *15,039 | *15,466 | *15,475 | *14,913 | *15,271 | 15,224 |
| VA | 6,250 | 6,325 | 6,313 | 6,249 | 6,294 | 6,021 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *18,912 | *18,852 | *18,816 | *17,882 | *18,230 | 17,961 |
| 19 State Total | *207,032 | *206,999 | *206,613 | *205,173 | *201,765 | 198,807 |
| Previous Year Total | 217,312 | 216,594 | 215,662 | 215,502 | 208,821 | 205,863 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 95 | 96 | 96 | 95 | 97 | 97 |

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 13, 2008. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

| Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| State | Week Ending | | | | | |
| | Aug 9 2008 | Aug 16 2008 | Aug 23 2008 | Aug 30 2008 | Sep 6 2008 | Sep 13 2008 |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> | <i>Thousand</i> |
| AL | 21,452 | 21,432 | 20,609 | 20,496 | *21,188 | 21,212 |
| AR | 21,884 | 23,301 | 22,221 | 21,575 | *22,352 | 21,644 |
| DE | 4,959 | 5,213 | 4,978 | 5,131 | 4,977 | 4,870 |
| FL | 1,134 | 1,032 | 1,124 | 1,278 | 1,051 | 1,004 |
| GA | 27,630 | 27,560 | 27,700 | 27,317 | 26,821 | 27,100 |
| KY | *6,127 | *6,533 | *6,240 | *6,708 | *6,811 | 6,509 |
| LA | 3,757 | 3,269 | 3,659 | 3,521 | 3,243 | 3,425 |
| MD | 5,555 | 5,933 | 5,897 | 5,950 | 5,519 | 6,117 |
| MS | 16,845 | 16,815 | 16,632 | 16,751 | 16,258 | 16,576 |
| NC | 15,566 | 15,741 | 15,620 | 15,883 | 15,655 | 15,817 |
| OK | 5,154 | 3,618 | 4,539 | 5,076 | 5,050 | 5,478 |
| PA | 3,390 | 3,414 | 3,207 | *3,128 | 3,102 | 3,065 |
| SC | 4,789 | 4,676 | 4,333 | 4,624 | 5,130 | 4,548 |
| TX | *13,116 | *12,497 | *12,322 | *12,560 | *12,925 | 13,007 |
| VA | 5,080 | 5,283 | 5,592 | 4,525 | 4,720 | 4,657 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *16,776 | *16,860 | *16,264 | *15,638 | *15,056 | 15,272 |
| 19 State Total | *173,214 | *173,177 | *170,937 | *170,161 | *169,858 | 170,301 |
| Previous Year Total | 177,691 | 178,515 | 177,243 | 176,942 | 175,893 | 175,527 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 97 | 97 | 96 | 96 | 97 | 97 |

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 13, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 13, 2008 were 6.53 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.